(c) The following remedial steps have already been taken:

(i) Subsidised Flying is provided by the Director General of Civil Aviation for issue of Assistant Flight Instructor's Rating and Flight Instructor's Rating to encourage pilots to take up flying training jobs at Flying clubs.

(ii) Ist Flight Instructor's Rating course of six weeks duration was conducted at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) from 18-7-94 to 27-8-94.

(iii) Second Flight Instructor's Rating Course of six weeks duration is currently going on at IGRUA w.e.f. 13-3-95. Once the trained personnel come out after finishing the course the position will improve.

(iv) Chief Flying Instructors of all the Flying Clubs having more than 5000 hours of flying experience have been permitted to impart flying training at the Flying Clubs for the issue of the Flight Instructor's Rating.

Criteria for appointment of Managing Director of Hotel Corporation of India

4311. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rules|norms|criteria have been followed by the Government in the appointment of Managing Director of Hotel Corporation of India;

(b) if so, whether the Chairman of Air India has opposed this appointment and has given contention with regard to the appointment;

(c) if so, what are the details of his contention and the Government's view with it; and

(d) if not, the basis/reasons of appointment of Managing Directors of Hotel Corporation of India despite Chairman's protest?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Selection to the top level appointments in Public Sector Undertakings are processed by the Public Enterprises Selection Board; Approvals of the Minister in charge and of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet are necessary. This procedure has been followed, while appointing Managing Director of HCI Ltd.

(b) to (d): No, Sir, Chairman Air India had sought some clarifications on behalf of the Board of Directors of Air India regarding the appointment of MD, HCI on some procedure aspects. Necessary clarifications have been given.

Comission to ticketing agents by India Airlines and Air India

4312. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the pecentage of commission given by Indian Airlines and Air India to ticketing agents;

(b) what other fringe benefits the ticketing agents are entitled to from the Indian Airlines and Air India in addition to the commission; and

(c) wehther Air India offers to its agents additional commission in certain special sector: if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b): Commission and other benefits given to passenger sales agents by Air India|Indian Airlines are listed below:—

Air India :—

(i) 9 per cent commission to IATA agents

(ii) 75 per cent concessional tickets, to the extent of two for each approved location per year to full time employes of the agent and 50 per cent concession to accompanying spouse.

Indian Ailines :

(i) 5 per cent commission of domestic sales and 9 per cent commission on international sales.

(ii) Two tickets with 75 per cent discount and one ticket for accompanying spouse with 50 per cent discount are allowed per approved location per year, to full time employees of the agent.

(c) In order to meet the competition from other carriers Air India offers productivity linked bonus in the range of 1 to 7 per cent to selected agents in certain regions, based on revenue performance.

भड़ौच मे विमानपत्तन का निर्माण

4313. श्री कनक सिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला: क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने भड़ौच में विमानपत्तन के निर्माण हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा है; और

(ख) यदि हां' तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिया गया है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Programme to boost tourism improvement in India

4314. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the new programmes to boost tourism in India;

(b) what is total earning of foreign exchange in the years 1990 to 1994, yearwise;

(c) whether the tourism industry is admirably at growth or sick, if so what steps Government contemplated to take to improve tourism;

(d) how many new aircrafts have been put in service in Indian Airlines;

(e) what will be the impact of GATT agreement on aviation industry; and

(f) whether Government expect stiff competition from multinational companies or the industry will have no such terms in future ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Development of tourism is a continuous process and it involves improvement of infrastructure facilities, publicity and promotion, development of human resources etc.

(b). The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism since 1990-91 are as given below:—

Year	Estimated foreign exchange earning (Rs. in Crores)
1990-91	2650
1991-92	4892.00
1992-93	6060.00
1993-94 (P)	6509.00
1994-95 (P)	7365.61

(P) : Provisional

(c) Information available with the Government does not suggest that tourism industry is sick.

(d) The Indian Airlines put in service 7 new aircrafts during 1993 and 5 during 1994.